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Cultural Instructions

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

To ensure your plants reach their maximum potential, please read the following cultural information before proceeding any further.

10 STEPS TO SUCCESS

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HABENARIA RADIATA (WHITE EGRET ORCHID/DOVE PLANT)



Exquisite, pearly white, fragrant flowers are displayed like a flock of miniature birds hovering gracefully atop slender stems, as each bloom resembles an egret in flight.

Stems can reach 30cm (12") tall, each one parading three or more blooms that will flourish for well over a month.

Plants are said to be hardy down to -6°C (21°F).

1. Your plants will either arrive as a very small tuber, about the size of a peanut, or as a growing plant, in a 5cm (2") pot. Plant up tubers as soon as possible for best results.
2. First, pot on, planting 3 per 20cm (8") container. Plant tubers approx. 2.5cm (1") deep into specialist orchid compost, or make your own mix with 3 parts fibrous peat, 3 parts coarse grit, 1 part perlite and 1 part fine charcoal.
3. Once the plant has developed, it can be grown outdoors with some winter protection, either in a woodland garden or in patio containers that can be kept outdoors during the warm summer months. Alternatively, grow all year in a cool house or greenhouse.
4. It is important to protect your plants from scorching heat at all times.
5. For border culture, provide a humus-rich, slightly acidic if possible, well-drained soil in dappled shade.
6. For container growing, use a specialist orchid compost for best results, these are usually made up of 3 parts fibrous peat, 3 parts coarse grit, 1 part perlite and 1 part fine charcoal.
7. Plants need plenty of water during the growing period in order to simulate Asia's monsoon season.
8. Water plants daily with rainwater throughout the spring and summer, as they will thrive in soils that are constantly saturated with water, as long as it is not stagnant.
9. Flowers summer.
10. Ht 30cm (12")

